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Honorable John Myers
House of Representatives
2372 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Myers:

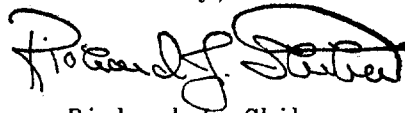
This is in reply to your letters of March 3rd and 4th, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shibben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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Congress of the United States
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March 4, 1993

Mr. James H. Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

Enclosed please find several letters I have received from my constituents in opposition to proposed rules being promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission which would negatively impact their use of radio controlled model airplanes.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would review the enclosed concerns and include them in the docket for review.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Sincerely,


John Myers

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Enclosure

February 21, 1993

The Honorable Tim Roemer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Jeffry W. Swank
3719 Piney Grove Drive
Lafayette, IN 47905

Dear Representative Roemer:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I own seven pieces of radio equipment worth approximately \$1,400 that would be rendered unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications

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Congress of the United States
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March 5, 1993

Mr. James H. Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

Enclosed please find several letters I have received from my constituents in opposition to proposed rules being promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission which would negatively impact their use of radio controlled model airplanes.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would review the enclosed concerns and include them in the docket for review.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Sincerely,

John Myers

312 Kent Avenue
West Lafayette, IN 47906
February 24, 1993

The Honorable John Myers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Myers:

Subject: FCC PR Docket 92-235

I have enjoyed participating in model aviation for over forty years. My lifetime hobby has given me great pleasure and hundreds of friendships. I hope this letter is only one of hundreds and perhaps thousands you receive from Indiana model airplane hobbyists.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.


Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72.76 MHz band.

Sincerely, 

2002 Mapleton Drive
Centerville, OH 45459
February 20, 1993

The Honorable John T. Myers
2372 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Myers

I am one of your constituents on active duty with the Air Force stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. I am writing you because of a proposed Federal Communication Commission (FCC) action. The FCC has issued a notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will significantly impact current users of the 72-76 MHz band. I urge your help to stop the proposed FCC action.

The 72-76 MHz band is currently shared safely for private